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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

LETTERS TO EDITORS

Around August of last year a UC professor for whom the present writer has great respect said:

"I read East Bay Labor Journal with great interest, but I often wonder how carefully it's read by labor people themselves, because it doesn't seem to me you receive many letters from your subscribers."

The same comment could be made about practically all labor papers. Their Vox Populi columns are pretty skimpy, if they exist at all. Not long ago the Colorado Labor Advocate, a lively, informative, and provocatively edited labor paper, complained about the fewness of the letters it receives from readers.

Labor, the nationally circulated weekly paper of a group of rail unions, publishes many letters, some of them, which the editor seems to enjoy publishing most of all, denouncing the paper in vigorous terms.

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GOODSELL GETS 'EM

On the Pacific Coast, the only labor paper which surpasses East Bay Labor Journal in the number of letters from readers published is, we believe, the Oregon Labor Press. Editor Jim Goodsell's "Out of the Mail Bag" column is always worth reading.

Goodsell, like the railmen's weekly, Labor, publishes some letters which blister the paper, as well as many which intelligently discuss matters touched on in its columns.

But to return to East Bay Labor Journal and the letters it receives. A check has just been made of the 21 Journals published since last Labor Day, and this shows that 22 letters, written by 20 different persons, have been published in those 21 Journals—an average of a fraction over one letter per Journal for 21 weeks.

They bunched a bit, though, for the 22 letters were published in 17 of the weekly Journals.

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EDITORIALS DISCUSSED

Those are not tremendous figures, but they're at least encouraging. They show that there is increasing interest in the paper, too, for a few years ago no such number of letters was received.

Another thing that should be noted is that most of the letters received discuss either something that has been said in this Reader Owner column, or in the editorial column on the last page. Which is one more coffin tack in the loudly proclaimed theory that "no one reads editorials, and there's no use publishing the blamed things any more."

One device that has perhaps helped to bring letters—if it isn't a trade secret—is the regular publishing of an Opinions column right alongside the editorial column. If no letter comes in, we quote the opinions of some other paper, or some book or statesman. Nor are these just thrown in at random; they're carefully selected to keep up the atmosphere of discussion, so to speak.

Envelope Industry Offer Is Rejected

John Ferro, Printing Specialties 382, reported to the Central Labor Council that there was a vote by the union of 400 to 14 against accepting terms offered by the envelope industry.

"You'll probably be hearing from us again on this," Ferro concluded.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546

STEAMFITTERS 342

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL No. 16

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

PLUMBERS 444

MILLMEN 550

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

PAINTERS LOCAL 40

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

UC EMPLOYEES 371

FIRE FIGHTERS 55



SENSATIONAL VICTORY of Hotel & Restaurant Workers in Miami Beach was climaxed by signing of master contract in City Council chamber. Shown, seated from left, are International Trustee Al Berlin of Miami Beach Local 255; International Secretary-Treasurer Jack Weinberger; International President Ed S. Miller; Mediator Abraham L. Baumann, who helped work out the pact; Secretary Martin Moldoff, who signed for the Miami Beach Hotel Association, and Saul Cohen, president of the association. The struggle which went on so long in Florida, and which ended so happily was participated in by the local culinary crafts, and the Central Labor Council, which raised money for the strikers and also spent money urging a boycott of Miami Beach until the strike was won.

Building Trades' Status at Pac. States Steel Discussed

At the last meeting of the Building Trades Council there was some discussion of the status of building trades workers in connection with the \$1,500,000 job on new furnaces and machine shop at the Pacific States Steel establishment at Niles.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said that members of the United Steel Workers are doing much of the work, that men doing carpentry work are getting paid a substantial lower rate than scale for construction work under BTC contracts.

Placards requesting building trades workers not to enter the plant were placed, and observers stationed there. Some of the placards were torn down, some members of the Steel Workers felt they should not enter the plant under the circumstances. Thereupon the company filed an action against the BTC.

Childers remarked that under NLRB General Counsel Kaemholz there have been more injunctions sought against unions than previously.

The council is seeking some way to make it plain that although there is no picketing, building trades men are requested not to work at the plant under present circumstances.

A letter has been sent to President Richard Gray of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Department outlining the matter. A meeting of that department at Miami will presumably discuss the case.

TIMBER ROADS

BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter from State BTC President Bryan P. Deavers on the question of whether or not terms of the Bacon-Davis Act, requiring that prevailing wages be paid, apply to the construction of timber access roads. Deavers writes that Senator Kuchel says that the act does not apply to such roads, and enclosed a letter from Stuart Rothman, solicitor for the Department of Labor, holding that the act does apply.

CIVIL ENGINEERS

Childers reported speaking at the second conference civil engineers have held in Northern California.

BLU LINE POOLS

It was announced that the Blue Line Pool Co. had signed a BTC contract. The Bay Vista tract had had a pool put in by the company with workers from Fresno who were non-union. Childers saw the head of the tract, and then placed a picket.

A checkup with Fresno brought out the fact that the company had been operating nonunion there for some three years, putting in 150 pools in the valley. The company expects to put in as many private pools this year, plus 10 public ones. The workers for the company here have now joined the union.

Mrs. Joe S. Bain Jr. will introduce the speakers: Mrs. Sam Eubanks, Mrs. Henry Castor, Mrs. Harry Williams, Mrs. Arthur Ross.

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Women Voters to Study Legislature

To get a better understanding of procedure in the current session of the California Legislature, the League of Women Voters of Berkeley has scheduled a Legislative Conference to be held on Friday, January 25, from 10 a.m. to noon at the YWCA, 2134 Allston Way.

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Officials of the Brotherhood of Teamsters found themselves on the last two days of last week getting a vast amount of publicity on the front pages of daily papers all over the country, the week closing with a prospect of still more publicity to come a few weeks from now.

On Friday, January 18, Teamsters International Vice President Einar Mohn, who formerly had his offices in San Francisco, challenged in Washington the U. S. Senate Investigation Subcommittee's authority to investigate labor racketeering. Mohn accordingly refused to answer any of the Senators' questions.

Mohn was asked for an explanation of telegrams which the committee said he had sent to other officials of the union in behalf of Teamsters President Dave Beck.

Mohn in these telegrams, it was claimed, called the committee's probe a "fishing expedition" and urged the union officials to challenge the committee's authority.

The chairman of the committee, Senator McClellan of Arkansas, waxed sarcastic at that same day of the hearing on the failure of Beck to appear to give testimony.

BECK'S ILLNESS

The Senator said that Beck had promised to appear without having a subpoena served on him, but that instead of appearing Beck sent a telegram saying he was too sick to show up, and on his doctor's advice he would stay away. Beck's wire, the Senator said was from Seattle.

Senator McClellan remarked that Beck was just back from Europe, had been able to make that trip, but "since may have become ill."

The next day, Saturday, January 19, Senator McClellan in recessing the hearings until some date after the end of January, announced that when the hearings are resumed, "I intend to subpoena Dave Beck."

BREWSTER'S HORSES

On that same day before the recess was taken Frank Brewster, head of the Western Conference of Teamsters, refused to answer questions as to whether he and Beck had used union funds to pay their personal bills.

Among the questions Brewster refused to answer were these, according to Associated Press:

Whether union funds were used to "purchase you an automobile... to pay for the maintenance of your horse stable... for repairs to your horse, van and automobile."

All the discussion was on a goodhumored basis, occasionally evoking gales of laughter as the usual intricacies of a "parliamentary wingding" with much discussion of appropriate procedure, a ruling by the chair being challenged and finally overturned, and at the end, the policy by Hunt being substantially followed.

Among those who discussed the issue were E. H. Vernon, Automotive Machinists 1546; Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36; Lew Blix, Dental Technicians 36; Jeffery Cohen and Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302. Second Vice President Ed M. Ross, Teachers Union, took the chair while the president's ruling was being debated.

Austin said something ought to be done about this. (It's done: East Bay Labor Journal hereby confesses to an error in reporting.)

Later Jack Faber, Cooks 228, announced that his union had reelected its officers, and he added:

"I especially request East Bay Labor Journal NOT to print the story, as it might get it wrong."

Whereupon Homer Stevens, Alameda County School Employees 357, rose to the occasion

by stating that this union also had recently had an election, and that he especially wished to command East Bay Labor Journal for having printed the election story correctly.

East Bay Labor Journal people after the meeting were subject to much kidding for having made the error about the Newsdrivers 96 sanction date,

receiving such laughing remarks as "Scoop artists!" and "Tomorrow's news today!"

Plumbers Seeking Jt. Board Manager

The following notice has been issued from the office of Plumbers 444:

Dear Sir and Brother:

It becomes necessary for the Joint Labor Management Board of Trustees to appoint a new Business Manager for the Plumbers & Gas Fitters No. 444.

U. A. Joint Industry Board to succeed our late Brother Chas. E. Sweeney.

Anyone who may be interested in applying for the position will be required to write a letter to the U. A. Joint Industry Board, 7312 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, California. All applications must be in that office by 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 29, 1957.

Applicants will be notified by telephone to appear for a personal interview before the Executive Policy Sub Conference Committee, 538 - 24th St., Oakland, California, at a specified time on Thursday, January 31, 1957.

The Candidates Development Committee for Democrats, headed by Roy Mitchell, meets at 8 p.m. next Monday, January 28, at Democratic headquarters, 2105 MacArthur.

There will be discussion of candidates for the coming Oakland election at which the following offices are open: mayor, auditor, 3 city councilmen, and 3 school board members.

Mitchell says that all interested are invited to attend.

Fraternally yours,

BEN H. BEYNON,

Bus. Mgr. and

Fin. Sec. Treas.

Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444, U. A.

Councils' Merger Nearing, Joint Election Anticipated

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week, both President John F. Quinn and Secretary Robert S. Ash made it clear that in their judgment the merger of the council with the CIO County Council is near at hand, perhaps only a few weeks off.

Ash said that the final meeting of the committee negotiating the merger for the two councils was at hand, and that while it was impossible at the moment to announce a schedule, it was plain that the proposed merger could not be many weeks off.

The CLC meeting this week was the one at which nomination for the executive committee, other standing committees, a trustee, delegates to the State Federation of Labor, and a fraternal delegate to the Building Trades Council were in order.

Then next week nominations could again be made, and at the first meeting in February the election, under the terms of the present CLC constitution, would have to be held.

Accordingly the question confronted the council delegates as to how to avoid holding what seemed a useless election; how to obey the CLC's present constitution, and yet save the council the expense and trouble of an election which might be meaningless, as before the elected persons could take their seats they would have to face an election conducted by the new council created by the merger.

George Hunt, Milk Drivers 302, said that there was no use holding an election that seemingly would be a futile one, so he moved that all the incumbents of the offices at stake be nominated in a body, and that anyone who wished to run against any of them be nominated also.

Joe Hightower, Carpenters 36, raised the point that this might seem, or be, undemocratic, and that no step should be taken which would in any way resemble railroading in cumbrous back into office.

This brought out what delegates sometimes refer to as a "parliamentary wingding," with much discussion of appropriate procedure, a ruling by the chair being challenged and finally overturned, and at the end, the policy by Hunt being substantially followed.

Another important benefit is agreement on a minimum amount of overtime that must be paid for any call-in for duty on days off.

Poyer said that in San Francisco the Labor Council there had given the union splendid backing.

Tomorrow's News Today in Journal!

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HOW TO BUY**Beat Price Rises!**By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Seven billion dollars has been transferred from the purchasing power of U. S. families to business profits, or at least paper profits, in the past 12 months by the latest rise in living costs. If yours is an average family, that means \$150 from you. Again, \$150 from each family

—is taken for each rise of one percent in interest rates, reports Congressman Wright Patman, who has been fighting the present trend toward higher interest rates and finance charges on mortgages, installation purchases and community needs such as schools and roads.

Nor is the end of the price-boosting yet in sight. A series of hikes is impending on a number of necessities. The most frightening impending increase is on petroleum products. Major producers have just raised the price of crude oil which means higher prices for fuel oil and gasoline.

Since the price of fuel oil was raised last fall and is already at record levels, heating bills are going to be a major problem for many families the rest of this winter. The price of gasoline already has been lifted in the Southwest. The general rise in petroleum products is blamed on the Suez crisis. But the demand from the oil-blocked European countries is chiefly for heating oils. Since some gasoline must be produced to produce fuel oil, and gasoline stocks are already heavy, there is no shortage reason to be blamed by producers for a price boost. Look for retail price-cutting and price wars as the result of the artificial boost by producers in the face of heavy stocks of gas.

Other price increases are impending on vacuum cleaners, men's shirts, furniture, rugs, and almost all fabrics, especially woolens and synthetics such as nylon, Dacron and acetate. As an indication of the price rises ahead, the spring catalogs of the nation's leading mail-order houses are expected to show increases averaging 3 to 3 1/2 percent over last spring, and 1 1/2-2 percent over the current fall-winter catalogs.

Furniture prices especially will be higher, averaging 5 percent more than last year, and 3-4 percent more than present catalog prices. Rugs will be up about 6 percent from last spring, and 4 percent over current quotations. Draperies and housewares also will cost more.

But true retail prices are already being chopped on two important items on which producers had only recently raised tags, television sets and cars. There is an unsold stock of over two million television sets looking for buyers, and from now until summer, distributors and retailers are expected to cut prices heavily, as they did last spring, to unload this inventory.

Norman Norell's new year would be happier if the silvery-thin heel would vanish entirely, like the grin of the Cheshire cat. "Posing the entire weight of the body on a nail-sized heel is ridiculous," he says.

They deplored strong, harsh makeup, eyes made to look too blue, hair too bleached.

"Let us," proposed Pauline Trigere, "try to adopt sobriety." Designers would like to see some firm resolutions concerning footwear too.

From Ireland, Sybil Connolly loosed a shot at the toeless, backless shoe. "I loathe it," she said. "For day, evening or anytime wear, nothing is quite so elegant as the completely covered shoe."

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Dick Merrill of Blue Cross Staff Passes Suddenly

E. L. (Dick) Merrill, who as a representative of Blue Cross worked with many unions in establishing their health and welfare plans, died Monday of a heart attack at the age of 58.

Merrill, who was highly respected by labor people, was in



E. L. (DICK) MERRILL

a restaurant when he suddenly collapsed and was taken to a hospital, where he passed away. Merrill was born in Bellingham, Wash., spent his boyhood in Alaska, was for some time in the wool industry in Washington, and joined Blue Cross here 10 years ago as enrollment representative. The last five years he specialized in working with labor unions on their health and welfare plans.

Merrill who was always known by the nickname of Dick, attended the University of Minnesota and played guard on the football team. He resided at 698 Arimo Street, Oakland, with his wife Inez, and is survived by her and by two sons, Richard H. and Edward L. Merrill.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Truman's funeral parlor, 29th and Telegraph Streets.

Bryant King of Blue Cross said that Merrill was known among his colleagues as an incessant worker and one who had a great liking for the people he met in the labor movement.

Tobacco Workers Win

GREENSBORO, N. C. (AFL-CIO)—The Tobacco Workers won collective bargaining rights at the new plant of P. Lorillard, Inc., here by an overwhelming vote of 507 to 15 in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

The operation is described as the most modern tobacco processing plant in the world, and will have about 1,000 employees at full capacity.

The union already has contracts at the firm's older plants in Louisville, Ky., and Danville, Va. The company's products include Old Gold, Kent and Embassy cigarettes, Beechnut chewing tobacco, Briggs and Omega pipe mixtures and Buzz, Green Turtle and Mechanic's Delight longcut smoking tobacco.

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Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters Union, Local 342

Registrations for Business Agent, Vice-President, Delegate to Central Labor Council, Delegate to the Alameda County Building Trades Council and Delegates to the California Pipe Trades Convention to be held in Santa Barbara, April 26, 27 and 28, 1957, are as follows:

Registrations were opened on January 17, 1957. First reading of registrants will be held on February 7. Registrations will be closed on February 14.

Second reading of registrants will be held on February 21. Election will be held on Sunday, March 3, 1957.

Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. March 3, will be considered the first meeting of the month.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y Bus. Mgr.
Steamfitters Union No. 342

Attention! Painters of District Council No. 16

Get your copy of the Vacation Plan from your Local Union Office. After the 1st of January, 1957 the employer is paying 7¢ per hour worked into the Vacation Plan. BE SURE to save your check stubs for the ENTIRE YEAR. That is the only way you will be able to check and see if the employer has paid your Vacation money.

IF ANY EMPLOYERS ARE NOT SUPPLYING PAINTERS WITH CHECK STUBS, PLEASE INFORM THE COUNCIL OFFICE—THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Fraternally yours,
DISTRICT COUNCIL No. 16
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Executive Secretary

Painters Local 127

Members: In the last few months there has been quite a few members suspended from the local for the non payment of dues, my advice to you is to be sure and ask the men you work with for their B. T. card which shows they have paid their dues or for their dues book. You may not know it you could be working with a suspended member or a non union man, a word to the wise is sufficient.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

Plumbers and Gas Fitters 444

The next meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 U. A. will be a SPECIAL called one to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 7th in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

We will have the regular order of business and **SECOND NOMINATIONS**—For one to fill vacant office as **MEMBER OF THE EXAMINING BOARD**.

For DELEGATES to the State Pipe Trades Convention. For DELEGATES to the State Federation of Labor Convention. See you then.

Fraternally yours,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Fin. Sec'y-Treas.
PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS L. U. No. 444, U. A.

Millmen 550

There will be a special called meeting Friday, February 1, at 8:00 p.m., Hall A, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. The purpose of this meeting is to act upon the negotiating committee's report on desired contract changes for the coming year, also to authorize the 6-county conference committee to act as our bargaining agent.

PLEASE BE PRESENT.
E. J. ALLEN, President

Fraternally yours,
M. D. CICINATO, Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

Friday, February 1, is the date for a regular meeting of this local. However, before this date there can be subjects of much interest to us all, that may develop. So it behoves us all to attend this and upcoming meetings and take part in the discussion of these subjects.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Painters Local Union No. 40

Section 8, Paragraph 4 of the Bay Area Agreement reads in part: "Effective July 1, 1957, an additional amount of fifteen cents will be added, either as basic wage or existing fringe benefits as determined by the District Councils."

Our existing fringe benefits now consist of the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund and the Vacation Plan. These two fringe benefits together with our basic wage, give us unprecedented liberty of action in apportioning the fifteen cents.

Since labor's representatives will be guided by the wishes of the membership in this matter, a special meeting has been called, January 25, 1957 to discuss and vote upon the manner of applying the fifteen cent increase. Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

County School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on February 2, at 2:00 p.m.

By virtue of the action taken at the January meeting, this is a required meeting to vote on the proposed group life insurance plan. The executive board will meet at 11:00 a.m.

Fraternally yours,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

UC Employees 371

There will be a meeting of this union Saturday evening, February 2, at 8 p.m., at Finnish Brotherhood hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley.

The executive board will meet at 7 p.m. Election of officers for the coming year will be held at the meeting. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,
WALTER N. RENYER,
Secretary-treasurer

Fire Fighters 55

The next regular monthly meeting for Local 55 International Association of Fire Fighters will be held on Monday, February 11, at 8:00 p.m., Oakland Fire Department drill tower.

All members are asked to attend in order to assist in the tabulation of ballots.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. GRAY,
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Dressing Room Chatter

April Meeting of State Pipe Trades

By JIM MARTIN

The executive board of the California Pipe Trades Council, at their meeting held January 9, in Los Angeles, designated Santa Barbara as the city where the thirty-seventh annual convention of the council will be held on April 26, 27 and 28, 1957.

Representatives of Locals 230 of San Diego and 494 of Long Beach and a committee representing Locals 114 of Santa Barbara, 484 of Ventura and 403 of San Luis Obispo appeared before the executive board requesting that their locals be hosts for this convention. In granting the convention to the Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo local unions, the board felt that due to financial conditions the only way a convention could be held in the area of these small locals would be by a joint venture.

The writer also attended a meeting of the Joint National Apprenticeship Committee held in Washington, D. C. on January 14 and 15. There have been many meetings of this committee as they are continuing revisions of the Steamfitter manuals, text books, and supplements to these books.

In place of the present three-volume set of apprenticeship instruction manuals, the committee is planning to publish one text book containing basic principles and issues a series of twelve supplements of the trade. To date a total of six supplements have been printed with six more under assignment to the committee. The books are used by local unions throughout the United States and Canada. The committee has also finished revising the national steamfitter standards, which are published by the United States Department of Labor in Washington, D. C.

Arrangements have been concluded for our special meeting night to be held February 21. This special night has been designated as Skilled Improvement Night. Motion pictures will be shown and Apprenticeship Coordinator Dan MacDonald of the general office of the United Association will address the membership on the importance of journeyman training and how it affects you and the United Association.

We urge that you attend your union meetings, which are held the first and third Thursdays of each month. Our next meeting will be held February 7.

Ideal Stewardess

CHICAGO (AFL-CIO) — The Air Line Stewards and Stewardesses are cosponsoring a contest in which one of its 12,000 feminine members will be named the world's ideal airline hostess and receive the "Miss Spirit of St. Louis" Award.

The judges will include Leonora S. Slaughter, executive director of the Miss America pageant; James Stewart, who plays Charles A. Lindbergh in the movie, "The Spirit of St. Louis;" Leland Hayward, who produced the picture, and Ellen Church, the first airline hostess.

The winner will receive a movie screen test and a European sports convertible. She and the runner-up will receive complete wardrobes, a set of luggage and other prizes. The final judging will be held in

APPROVED SEAT BELT properly installed should be used if you want to lessen the possibility of serious injury in a traffic collision, warns the California Highway Patrol. Sixty-five makes have been approved by the Patrol.

FACTORY HIRINGS declined somewhat more than seasonally in November 1956, from 40 to 29 per 1,000, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced.

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Steamfitters Notes, Local 342

Theater Changes Reported by B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

United California Theaters (Golden State) are planning several managerial changes. Richard Scott will move from the Del Mar to the Central. Arthur Turner will take over the vacated Del Mar spot, moving from the Fairfax. Manuel Medieros, who has been out of town, although he formerly managed the Fruitvale, will take over Turner's post at the Fairfax. Charlie Harford will move from the Central to the Broadway night managers job, replacing Howard Brooke who will move to the Central.

This is the first mass managerial move within any of the circuits in many years. The top vacancy spot at the Central occurred due to the recent untimely death of Ralph Ford. Up and down the aisle . . . Eddie Howard of the Paramount Jay - walking across Broadway with a prop for the lobby display of "A Bundle of Joy" . . . Gail Brolliar of the box-office in the same house calling the business office to notify us of her change of address and telephone numbers. She is now living in San Francisco with her sister and commutes that she makes better time by commuting from her Nob Hill apartment than she did when she lived in the Lake Merritt district. A sad commentary on Oakland's transportation set-up! . . . Cecile Miller, of the Grand-Lake box-office attending a recent union meeting and dropping a jack. She claims it belongs to her daughter! . . . Barbara Curd of the same house, who recently became Mrs. Jones, quitting and dropping by to take a withdrawal . . . Gene Bones who filled in for Otto McMillen on his recent vacation at the Tower is the new doorman at the Broadway, having replaced Giovanni D'Asaro, who was ordered off the job by his doctor . . . Charlene Williams is the new addition to the Paramount floor staff . . . Jessie Lane, quitting the Fox-Oakland box-office . . . May McKee Campi is back in her old spot in Oakland box-office after having spent the interim at the Globe . . . Nominations for elective offices will be held at the regular meeting scheduled for February 13th (2nd Wednesday) at 10 a.m. An election for any contested offices will be held February 21st with polls opening at 10 a.m.

After the ceremonies were over we retired to the banquet room where delicious food prepared by Cateress Jennie Correto assisted by Eve Hare and Isabel Helmuth was also present.

International First Vice President Vern Trotta was a guest and also present were members from two Sacramento, Richmon, two San Francisco, Martinez and Vallejo Auxiliaries.

After the ceremonies were over we retired to the banquet room where delicious food prepared by Cateress Jennie Correto assisted by Eve Hare and Isabel Helmuth was also present.

Finally the speaker emphasized that unions were decidedly democratic; nothing is concealed from the members. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to brother Childers.

We, the Progressives, have consistently urged that in the field of public relations to clarify misunderstanding, speakers should present Labor's objectives.

The appointment of brother Kopke as a General Organizer of our Brotherhood is an excellent choice. Jack has personality, capability and is very popular in union activities.

Brothers Chambers, Zeppelin, Wallace, Eelsing, Dredrick and others, regarding fulfillment of New Year's resolutions, to be present every second and fourth Thursday.

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Machinist Ladies Have Installation

By OLIVE M. HARVEY
Press Correspondent

Christmas, New Years, and our installation of officers are all over and now we start our coming year with our new president, Tillie Bartmess at the helm.

Our installation was very beautiful with all the officers gowned in pastel shade evening dresses, and everyone perfect in their own particular part of the installation. President Tillie, charming in pale mauve, was her usual poised and confident self as she accepted the gavel.

Past President Opal Lawrence, as installing officer, gowned in white, was very dignified.

Our installing officers, Jennie Correto, graceful in plum color, and Sylvia Rafford, direct contrast in color from Jennie in pale pink was so lovely, and both were perfection in their leadership of the drill.

Our charter member Eva Gallaher, was installing chaplain and our other charter member Isabel Helmuth was also present.

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OPINIONS

BROTHER DUNN

Editor, Labor Journal:
I suppose it was coincidental that your editorial concerning the sales tax and the letter of William R. Churchill regarding personal property taxes should have been published side by side in your January 4 issue.

May I say that I agree generally with Mr. Churchill's contention that the personal property tax should be abolished.

I am not so sure that the traditional opposition of labor to sales taxes is well-founded in 1957.

It has been estimated that wage earners now pay 55% of real property taxes and something like 50% of sales taxes. I think the whole question points to the need for a re-evaluation of who the tax payers are and what are the services to be provided from the taxes.

I hope that some day I may be able to express my views on this at greater length in a future letter to the East Bay Labor Journal. However, it might be well if labor groups were to form committees to study the whole problem of taxation and the services rendered by government at all levels, to the people.

Sincerely yours,
FRANCIS DUNN
Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, Second District
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Is the average labor paper dull? Does it contain too much "puff" for labor's leadership? Is it too biased or slanted in its presentation of the news?

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★★★ ADLA'S ADVICE

Even before the Suez ultimatum there was a strong and very general feeling in informed circles in the United States that American foreign policy had reached a dead end. The rethinking could not take place during the election, but in the four years ahead what Mr. Stevenson has already said, and should still have to say, can help in the formation of a new policy. — The London Times.

★★★ COAT-OF-ARMS

If we in the United States made new shields after the patterns of ancient heraldry the sign of our civilization would have to be a rampant Cadillac with crossed guns on a field of air-conditioning units. — The Rev. Dr. E. C. Blake, president of the National Council of Churches.

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EDITORIALS

Does Labor Like Sales Tax?

The Chronicle reports that the nine-county Bay Area Rapid Transit commission on January 16 "heard two labor spokesmen pledge support of a sales tax to help build the proposed billion-dollar network of fast electric trains."

The two labor men named are Thomas A. Rotell of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, who was quoted as saying that "we have absolutely no objection" to a sales tax; and Otto E. Sargent of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council.

Also, in this issue of East Bay Labor Journal in an adjoining column we are publishing a letter from Supervisor Francis Dunn, a public official with a labor background, in which he says:

"I am not so sure that the traditional opposition of labor to sales taxes is well founded in 1957."

One thing is sure, Messrs. Rotell, Sargent, and Dunn may feel that labor must tighten its belt and wax enthusiastic over the sales tax, but certainly the AFL-CIO research and educational forces haven't come around to that viewpoint. Just the other day they issued a blast against sales taxes, contending that blocking their increase in Legislatures all over the country is one of labor's big jobs.

Labor and the Aircadians

The Building Trades Council has authorized a trip to Washington in March by Business Representative J. L. Childers to participate in the annual legislative conference of the Building Trades Department of the AFL-CIO. Childers, along with building tradesmen all over the country, will confer with friendly Congressmen like George P. Miller as well as with hostile and on-the-fence members of the U. S. lawmaking body.

Meanwhile, the National Chamber of Commerce is announcing what appears to be a still more grass-roots deal. They're going to get out with what they call an Aircade and presumably drop down from heaven on "12 key cities" in February. We are properly flattered to learn that Oakland is one of these key cities, and that on February 5 at the Claremont Hotel there will be staged a Congressional Issue Clinic, as the Aircadians call it.

This Congressional Issue Clinic will be co-sponsored by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, says the National Chamber. The National Chamber is already viewing with alarm bills introduced in the early days of the present session of Congress. To quote the Aircadians' press release:

"The effect of many of these bills, the Chamber said, would be to retard the country's economic growth."

We won't supply a translation of that. Our readers know National Chamber of Commerce lingo well enough to supply their own translation.

The National Chamber, getting out its microscope and sledgehammer, has picked out "some 15 issues of special concern to business."

These 15 issues are listed, and of course include the so-called "Right to Work," the secondary boycott, social security, electric power development, health insurance, housing, and minimum wages.

East Bay Labor Journal's editor could write in advance practically everything the Aircadians will say on these subjects when they descend from heaven on Oakland, but we'll spare our readers the pain. Let the Tribune pretend it's news when the time comes.

Bureaucrats and Electrocrats

Some of the enthusiasm which labor people once had for the idea of public ownership of utilities and services has been abated, to say the least, by the reappearance of that notorious person, The Tough Boss, in the guise of public officials.

Ed Reith has told the Central Labor Council many times about the unpleasant experiences of the workers for East Bay MUD, and the unions of postal workers have found that the Postmaster General can be just as unreasonable and dictatorial as the manager of a steel mill or a big retail store. Not all Postmaster Generals are that way, any more than all steel mill or big store managers are. But at least, unions have found that public ownership doesn't solve every problem for the workers.

Nor is it just "bureaucrats," that is, appointive officers of a public body who can be tough toward the workers. Elective officers, or electocrats, if we call them such, on occasion can show their teeth to the employees and make it pretty plain that they don't know what's going on in the world. For example, on January 8 the Berkeley Personnel Board, made up of appointive bureaucrats, if you will, reaffirmed its recommendation to the Berkeley City Council, made up, of course, of elective officials, that city employees be given three weeks vacation after five years of service.

On January 15 Berkeley City Councilman Arthur Harris, with City Councilman Jeffery Cohelan seconding, moved to second the recommendation. Cohelan pointed out that throughout the country there is a definite trend toward the three-week vacation, and Personnel Director William Daniels said that it would be much easier to recruit personnel for the city if the longer vacation were granted.

But the vote against the proposal was 3 to 2: City Councilmen Weldon Richards, John de Bonis, and George A. Pettitt casting the negative votes.

Councilman Pettitt then had the whole question buried alive by moving it over until the end of the fiscal year. Let's hope that by that time some news from the outside world will have percolated into Berkeley, and a majority of the City Council will indicate that they've heard the news.

IT'S UNFORTUNATE that the Senate group cross-examining labor leaders includes a man like Joe McCarthy. It would be still more unfortunate if the attitude of labor men before the Senate committee should enable McCarthy, for once in his life, to utter some truths.

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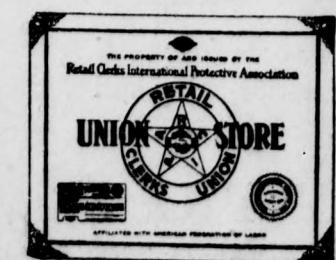
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State Senate Setup Adverse To Labor Aims, Declares Fed

Labor hopes for the 1957 state legislative session were tossed into a temporary tailspin last week, State Federation Newsletter reports, when the Senate Rules Committee announced (1) membership of the upper house labor committee; (2) new rules of procedure for handling key labor measures in the Senate.

The San Francisco Call Bulletin said the Labor Committee appointments "left liberal Democrats gasping and some Republicans giggling like school girls."

Makeup of the powerful committee took on new significance when the Rules Committee revealed the seven-member labor body would hear all measures affecting workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and unemployment disability insurance laws.

Previously all such compensation measures were heard by the Senate Social Welfare Committee.

The Labor Committee, comprised of two Democrats and five Republicans, is substantially the same committee which killed every piece of progressive legislation that came its way during the 1955 general session.

Committee chairman of the labor unit is Robert J. Montgomery (D., Kings), with John F. McCarthy (R., Marin) serving as vice chairman.

Other members are F. Presley Abshire (R., Sonoma), Harold T. Johnson (D., Nevada-Sierra-Placer), John A. Murdy (R., Orange), Louis G. Sutton (R., Tehama-Glenn-Colusa) and J. Howard Williams (R., Tulare).

Under the new bill reference system announced by the Rules Committee, the heart of the state AFL program will be placed before the Labor Committee for life or death action.

In legal language, the rules group said that "all bills amending the Labor Code, or the Unemployment Insurance Code, all bills relating to the unemployed, and uncodified legislation relating to the same subject" would be the property of the Labor Committee.

Hayes said refusal of union officials to testify or furnish union records was up to them and their own counsel, but for his own part he said:

"Under no circumstances would I refuse to give testimony or seek to invoke my constitutional rights."

TEAMSTERS' COMMENT

The January 18 issue of the Washington Teamster is headed "Honest Probes vs. Witch Hunts" said in part:

"We certainly welcome an honest and fair investigation. We certainly do not welcome a witch-hunt designed for a grab at headline space. The operation of a union, council, or conference is strictly the business of the membership and its elected leaders. We fail to see the alleged association between unions and racketeering. Mention the two together and the public mind so blends them into one. . . .

"We hardly expect that this article will be filed with the testimony taken this week in Washington, D. C. After all, if a union conducts itself above board — what news is that? Either you've got to bite dogs or be called lower than dogs before you rate Page One these days."

GOLDEN GRAIN MACARONI
Co. may be struck by Bakers 119 if a long delayed settlement isn't reached, the Central Labor Council has voted.

Present weekly maximums are \$40 for temporary disability in workmen's compensation, and \$35 for permanent disability.

The unemployment insurance weekly maximum is \$33 and the unemployment disability top is \$40.

8 Labor People in Policy Positions Of United Crusade

Installation of Guild's Officers

Huge Buildup of Labor Force Shown In Next 20 Years

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The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild installed officers for the new year at the January membership meeting, held in Moose Hall, San Francisco, Sunday morning.

The meeting was preceded by the annual Presidents Breakfast, attended by former presidents of the local, all incoming and outgoing officers of the local, and all incoming unit chairmen.

Paul C. Edwards, who recently retired as a Scripps-Howard executive, was the speaker at the breakfast, recounting experiences of his more than 50 years as a journalist.

Officers installed at the membership meeting were:

President — Ernie Rapley; Vice presidents — Joe Carroll, Examiner; Jack Russell, San Mateo Times; Bob Guiles, News.

Executive secretary — Sam Eubanks, who went from the old Post Enquirer in Oakland to the International executive secretaryship of the American Newspaper Guild, and later returned to California; treasurer, Ed J. O'Connor, Examiner; recording secretary — Jack Howard, Chronicle.

Six others were named to the UBAC Board of Governors. They are Mrs. Violet Bogan, vice president, Communications Workers of America, Local 9415; J. Lamar Childers, business representative, the Building Trades Council; John F. Quinn, business agent for the Bartenders 52, and president, Central Labor Council; Harris C. Wilkin, secretary-treasurer, Food Clerks 870; Edris Wright, president, Culinary Workers Alliance 31; and Albert Brown, business representative, Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees 302.

All but Miss Wright have previously served as members of the board of directors of the Alameda County United Fund. Miss Wright served three years as a member of the United Fund's labor-management committee.

Mr. Bogan has also been a member of the labor-management committee, in addition to serving on the admissions and allocations committee of the Crucade.

Childers was co-chairman of the construction division within the Crucade campaign this past year and has also been a member of the labor-management committee.

Quinn, Wilkin, and Brown have also been members of the labor-management committee.

In addition to Dias, William Harold Oliver, Alameda County civic leader, and Carl Olsen, president of the Alameda County United Fund, were also elected vice presidents of UBAC, with Oliver being named a senior vice president.

L. H. LINCOLN, Speaker of the Assembly, representing the Fifteenth District, East Oakland, announces a competitive examination for young men in his district to become his nominee for admission to the California Maritime Academy to be held at the Academy in Vallejo at 9:00 a.m., March 16, 1957.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE announces it has closed the books on the biggest year in its history. The Company set new records for net telephone gain, amount spent on construction, total new permanent financing, number of employees, payroll, and operating taxes.

STANLEY FOWLER, formerly on the Labor Temple staff, writes to CLC President John F. Quinn that wages for bartenders out in the country in the northern end of the State are between \$75 and \$150 a month, and that organizers are needed there.

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